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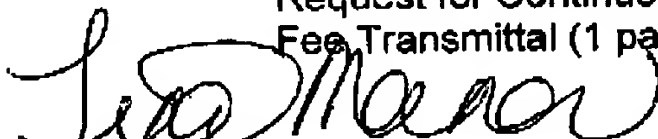
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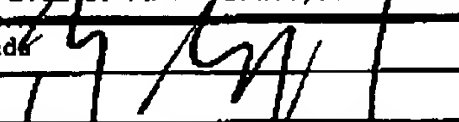
Application Number	09/975,520
Filing Date	October 11, 2001
First Named Inventor	Bettina FATH, et al.
Art Unit	1615
Examiner Name	L. Channavaajala
Attorney Docket Number	101216-19

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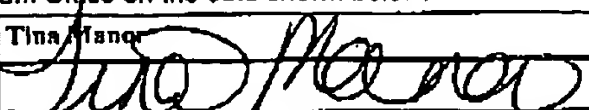
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		Filing Date	October 11, 2001
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Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

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Each independent claim over 3 (Including Reissues)

Multiple dependent claims

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50	25
200	100
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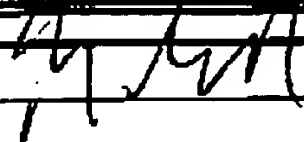
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